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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - NORTH KOREA

11. LEAD STORIES: Front-page items on Friday morning included President Obama's budget plan for fiscal 2010 and GM's announcement of a \$30.9 billion loss in 2008.

12. "Even Satellites are Unacceptable" The liberal Mainichi editorialized (2/27): "North Korea announced its preparations for a 'satellite' launch... A UN Security Council resolution on North Korea calls for suspension of 'all activities related to (its) ballistic-missile programs' in addition to nuclear experiments and test-firings of its missiles. Both a ballistic-missile and a satellite rocket 'fly' by the same technology. Therefore, the governments of the U.S. and South Korea expressed the view that Pyongyang's launch of a satellite will violate the UN resolution, as the move is related to its missile programs. A U.S. State Department spokesman called on the DPRK to concentrate on denuclearization. This is the right argument. North Korea has challenged the world order and threatened its neighbors. A rocket becomes a nuclear missile if loaded with a nuclear bomb. North Korea should abolish its nuclear programs before seeking the 'peaceful use' of space. At this time, we accept neither a missile nor a satellite."

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